

**Official Minutes for Rahway Arts and Business  
Partnership Board of Trustees Meeting  
March 14, 2019 at 6:30pm**

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This meeting was properly advertised in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

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**Call to Order:** Meeting Called to order 6:35 pm

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**Roll Call:**

Secretary Patricia Kozlowski

Treasurer Ron Dolce

David Crespo

Councilwoman Joanna Miles

Executive Director Amy Garcia Phillips

Managing Director Ann Marie Williams

Guest Speaker Joe Brown

\*Absent from the Meeting: Matt Dobrowolski, President Joel Schwartz, Vice President  
Larry Fishman, Danni Newbury,



Joe Brown left the meeting at 7:48

The RABP is starting a “Straws By Request” initiative and is reaching out to Rahway Chamber of Commerce as well as the City Administration as partners in this initiative. Dave Crespo volunteered Beana’s website as a location to advertise the initiative.

RABP Executive Team suggested the Board should start working on Oktoberfest if there is interest for 2019. Ron Dolce will discuss with the Oktoberfest committee.

Resolutions on the 02/05 City Council agenda for Taste of Spring 2019 use of the Rec Center and Culture Crawl 2019 Street Closures were approved.

**Support What’s the Word on Cherry Street:** RABP to Co-sponsor the monthly event by providing prize money and fee for professional artists.

Motion: Danni Newbury    Second: Ron Dolce

Yes: Ron Dolce, Dave Crespo, Patricia Kozlowski, Danni Newbury    Nay : 0

Absent: Matt Dobrowolski, President Joel Schwartz, Vice President Larry Fishman.

*RABP happenings discussion,*

**Approve Annual Report for 2018:**

Motion: Patricia Kozlowski    Second: Dave Crespo

Yes: Ron Dolce, Dave Crespo, Patricia Kozlowski, Danni Newbury    Nay : 0

Absent: Matt Dobrowolski, President Joel Schwartz, Vice President Larry Fishman.

Annual Audit for 2017 distributed to the Board.

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RABP will help to improve the Amtrak trestles by funding the engineer study. Amtrak is making the dangerous repairs necessary.

RABP will invest in display boards to be housed by the parking garage, parking lots and the Train Station Plaza. They will display a downtown map of businesses and points of interest.

Joanna Miles left the meeting at 8:34pm.

*Expenditure Review:*

The Managing Director reported on the final expenditures for Restaurant Week, Culture Crawl January and February Film Pop Up, as well as the bank balances for January. The financials for February were not available at the time of the meeting.

The 2017 Audit was completed. RABP signed a contract for 2018's Audit. There was an increase in fees from the CPA. Danni Newbury will research other CPAs as the Board would like to compare other companies' fees.

**Approve Moving \$10,000 from RSI Bank to Northfield Bank.**

Motion: Patricia Kozlowski

Second: Dave Crespo

Aye: Ron Dolce, Dave Crespo, Patricia Kozlowski, Danni Newbury    Nay : 0

Absent: Matt Dobrowolski, President Joel Schwartz, Vice President Larry Fishman.

Fourth Quarter 2015 SID monies released from escrow in the amount of \$65K; First Quarter for 2019 deposited.

The RABP gave an update of upcoming calendar events.

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There being no further business; the meeting shall adjourn

**Approval to adjourn meeting.**

Motion: Danni Newbury

Second: Dave Crespo

Aye: Ron Dolce, Dave Crespo, Patricia Kozlowski, Danni Newbury    Nay : 0

Absent: Matt Dobrowolski, President Joel Schwartz, Vice President Larry Fishman.



Amy Garcia Phillips, Executive Director

Date signed: 5/19/2019



Ann Marie Williams, Managing Director

Date signed: 5.19.19

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